

## Chapter Twelve

# The Jews' Enemy

Esther 3:7

**“The...beast [‘the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet’ (Matthew 24:15-16)]...was...exceeding dreadful...whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;...HAD...A MOUTH THAT SPAKE VERY GREAT THINGS,...and...the same...MADE WAR WITH THE SAINTS, AND PREVAILED AGAINST THEM....”**  
Daniel 7:19-21

The Prophet Daniel identified this Beast *or Antichrist* in two ways: First, by *claiming* to be God (II Thessalonians 2:3-4), he will *blaspheme The God of Heaven*. (Psalm 74:10, Revelation 13:1 and 6; 17:3) [*See the two previous chapters.*] Second, he will endeavor to *eliminate God’s people*. The Psalmist said...

**“For, lo, *thine enemies* make a tumult: and *they that hate thee* have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel *AGAINST THY PEOPLE*, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, *Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; THAT THE NAME OF ISRAEL MAY BE NO MORE IN REMEMBRANCE.*”** Psalm 83:2-4

How similar, this refrain, to the one hammering away at “Haman..., *THE JEWS’ ENEMY*...” (Esther 3:10) [This phrase fit so well, over time *it stuck!* (Esther 7:6; 8:1; 9:10; and 9:24)]

*“I’ll destroy these Jews so perfectly; no one will even remember they ever existed. Hmhmhmhmhm”*

Soon, the Beast (following in Haman’s footsteps) will try *his* hand at destroying Israel. Scripture says this will be the *last* and *final* time anyone attacks her. [Don’t fret dear friend, read the *entire* story. In the finale, “...the Israel of God...” (Galatians 6:16-in *this* case, the *Nation of Israel*) prevails, and Isaiah’s prophecy comes *true*: “*NO* weapon...formed against...” her *has* prospered!!! (Isaiah 54:17. Please note the context!-*RESTORED Israel*, Jehovah’s wife.)] The next time we see Israel [in prophecy], she’s “...rejoicing...and the voice of weeping...” is “...*NO MORE* heard in her, *NOR* the voice of crying.” (Isaiah 65:19-20-*Compare that with Esther 4:3*)

### Three People, One Nation

In all of Scripture, *only three* people have ever been attacked *DIRECTLY* by Satan.<sup>1</sup> The first one was Eve, Adam’s “...weaker vessel...” (1 Peter 3:7) [Satan is *hiding* here as the serpent-II Corinthians 11:3 and 14; Revelation 20:2.] Next came Job. This time, Satan’s attack was contingent on God’s *permission*. (See, Job 1 and 2) Job learned quickly, unless God intervenes (Job 42), Satan will *weaken* the “perfect and upright” man, till verily, nothing is left. And last, *weakened* from fasting in the wilderness, The Son of God.

The above distinction and honor, likewise, holds true for *only one* nation. Which one? The *weaker* one! Jehovah’s *weaker* vessel-*ISRAEL!!*

**“And SATAN stood up against ISRAEL....”!!!** I Chronicles 21:1

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<sup>1</sup> The Apostle Paul’s “...thorn in the flesh...” came by a “...messenger of Satan...”, and *not* Satan *HIMSELF*.

**“And...that old *serpent*, called...SATAN...persecuted THE WOMAN [Israel]...and was wroth...and went to make WAR with the remnant of HER SEED....”** Revelation 12:9, 13, 17

Throughout his career, Satan has only attacked three individuals and one nation *directly*. APPARENTLY, TO HIM, NO ONE ELSE EVEN MATTERS!!!

Hatred for God *also* places Satan at enmity with God’s people. This was never more evident than the day *The Jews’ Enemy* handed “...the king’s lieutenants...the governors...the rulers ...and...every people after their language...” the decree to “...destroy...kill<sup>2</sup>...” and “...cause to perish, ALL Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day....” (Esther 3:12 and 13)

### The Twelfth Year, Twelfth Month

**“In the first month, that is the month Nisan, in the TWELFTH YEAR OF KING AHASUERUS, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the TWELFTH MONTH, that is, the month Adar.”** Esther 3:7

Do you see it?! In the TWELFTH YEAR of his reign; Haman places King Ahasuerus in the precarious position of dealing with *every Jew* in his kingdom, ALL at the *same* time. Isn’t that amazing?! Remember all the Jews were originally from Israel’s TWELVE tribes. Even *more* amazing, *the lot fell* “upon the thirteenth day of the TWELFTH MONTH”! (Esther 3:13)

Twelve, as any Bible Believer can tell you, is the number of Israel. *The two are inseparable!* Not only are there *twelve* tribes-beginning with Abraham (Genesis *twelve*), Isaac, and Jacob (later called *Israel*), from “...*twelve* patriarchs...” (Acts 7:8),

<sup>2</sup> Satan doesn’t always care *how* or *when* he kills you, only that he DOES! Personally, I believe he favors the SLOW kill.

and-after the church is taken up (Revelation 4:1)-*twelve* tribes (mentioned again), sealed in the tribulation (Revelation 7:4-8), but there are also *twelve* Disciples, who took up *twelve* baskets *full*, at the request of their *Jewish King*. Still not *sure*? Read Revelation chapter twenty-one. There, you'll find *twelve* gates; angels; foundations; apostles, and pearls. The next chapter introduces us to the tree of life. It produces *twelve* manner of fruit-one for *each* month! If twelve isn't Israel, I'll eat my hat! (*I win either way-I don't wear one!!* I Corinthians 11:7a)

Though Israel today is still "...put away..." (I Corinthians 7:11b) from her Husband, THE PROMISE OF REMARRIAGE KEEPS SATAN'S ATTACKS AGAINST HER VIGILANT. Failure to annihilate this "woman" (Revelation 12:1) has taught him to strike at her in other ways. Lately, Satan has enlisted the help of some *good meaning* (*I don't say this lightly, some are good friends of mine-whom I love dearly*) Bible Believing Pastors to do his bidding. These men are teaching their congregations a FALSE doctrine that's "sportin' a *new* 'do.'" Admittedly, when postulated for the *first time*, this teaching almost *sounds* plausible. But after careful consideration (and seeing much in the remains of snakeskin trailed along the way), this matter can only be deemed a mistake-and a *bad mistake at that!* (*Again, to make matters even worse, Bible Believing Christians are perpetuating it!*) What's the issue? Israel's *future*. What's at stake? TRUTH!!! [*For the sake of space, their allegations will be incorporated into my answers.*]

"...Zion, the perfection of beauty...."

Psalms 50:2

Has Israel *acted* like a whore? Absolutely! (Isaiah 1:21; Jeremiah 2:20; Ezekiel chapters 16 and 23) Is she stiffnecked and rebellious like Jehovah said? She sure is! (Exodus 32:9; 33:3 and 5; Deuteronomy 9:6 and 13; Isaiah 1:2; Ezekiel 2:3) Has she replaced the commandments of God, to keep her own Tradition? That's what Jesus said! (Matthew 15:3, 6, 9) Has

she murdered the prophets? No doubt! (Matthew 23:35) Is Israel-Babylon, and “*the great city*” of Revelation 14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:10-*Jerusalem*; as some in the church today claim? Absolutely *NOT!!!* Here are *TWELVE* reasons why:

1. Though Israel is presently *put away* (Isaiah 50:1), *backslidden* (Jeremiah 3:6, 8, 11, 12; Hosea 4:16; 11:7), and *blind* (*in part*-Romans 11:7 and 25), she is the *only NATION* on earth related to God by *birth* (Exodus 4:22-*Jehovah’s firstborn son*), *marriage* (Ezekiel 16-bearing two daughters, Israel and Judah-Ezekiel 23), and *creation*. (Isaiah 54:5; Hosea 8:14) Could that be the reason why most Old Testament prophecies we read relating to Israel in the negative have a positive outcome?!<sup>3</sup> It sure is!!! Jehovah wants Israel *back!*

**“...Thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; YET RETURN AGAIN TO ME, SAITH THE LORD.”** Jeremiah 3:1

**“And it shall be at *that day*, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me *Ishi* [my husband]...And I will betroth thee unto me *FOR EVER....*”** Hosea 2:16a and 19a

POINT NUMBER ONE: After suffering through great tribulation, Israel will be *redeemed, reclaimed, restored, and reinstated* as Jehovah’s Queen. Anyone who thinks otherwise is *ignorant and conceited!*<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> For you skeptics-the texts are not always adjacent. What’s important here, is, every prophet who comments about Israel’s wanderings, ALSO has something POSITIVE to say about her restoration!

<sup>4</sup> Author’s comment here: These are not *my* words, they fall from the very lips of Saint Paul. (Romans 11:25)

2. Mount Zion (also known as *Jerusalem*) is the city of God-*THE* city of The Great King. (Psalms 48)

**“...The Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in JERUSALEM...”** Isaiah 24:23

According to God’s promise, “...the salvation of Israel...” will “...come out of ZION! *when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people...*” (Psalms 14:7) *Replacement* theology teaches: God is all done with Israel; the Church has *replaced* her; and God’s Kingdom will come only after (some of their favorite words) “*the Church is triumphant at last.*” In their zeal to find biblical truth, some Bible Believing Christians have jumped on this bandwagon.<sup>5</sup>

Satan knows if he can’t convince good Christians to outright hate Israel, by altering her name, he can subtly change their thinking about her. It’s one thing to *accidentally* call someone (by) the wrong name, and quite another, to do it *intentionally*. The first scenario should be considered an unintentional mistake, but the second, *slander!* To believe that Israel and the great city of Jerusalem have replaced the people and great city of Babylon, is not only bad doctrine, *it’s slander!* [Admittedly, even God had some *harsh* things to say about Israel. But, may I remind you, every word was *motivated by LOVE*. See, II Chronicles 9:8b.] This reminds me of “...Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions...”, who, in their effort to hinder and “...frustrate...” the work of God, *called Jerusalem a “...rebellious and...bad city...”* (Ezra 4:4, 8 and 12) And, while we’re on the subject, let’s not forget Haman...

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<sup>5</sup> I’m not pointing fingers here. They are not the first, nor the last, to be deceived! Look at I Kings 13:11 to 26. Even more amazing-look at verse 31.

**“And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, there is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king’s laws: therefore it is not for the king’s profit to suffer them.”** Esther 3:8

Even though Haman knew these Jews had long been accepted and intertwined into Persian society, he sought nonetheless for a plan to weed them out and destroy them. He found one, and it was shrewd! Haman perceived, by purposely being *vague* to the King (and intentionally *stretching* the truth), he could *slander* these Jews to the point of extinction.

POINT NUMBER TWO: Don’t fall into the *Devil’s* trap of slandering Jehovah’s *Earthly* Bride-Israel. (Like my wife says, “*Evil men are always trying to ruin a ‘good girls’ reputation.*”)

3. Things that are similar are not *always* the SAME! For example: Even though Jesus and the Devil are both men, princes, gods, healers, stars, angels, sons, etc...; you wouldn’t intentionally call Jesus the Devil, would you? Then what would possess anyone to purposely call God’s elect bride, the bride of Satan. Like I said earlier; this is nothing short of *blasphemy!* (Mark 3:22-30) Ahasuerus has a wife named *Esther*; AND HAMAN HAS A WIFE NAMED *ZERESH!!!* Don’t confuse the two! [*It’s a hanging offense, if you do!* Esther 7:8 to 10]

POINT NUMBER THREE: God never makes the *mistake* of calling Israel or Jerusalem, *Babylon*<sup>6</sup>, and neither

<sup>6</sup> Though, when viewed MICROSCOPICALLY, these two cities look the SAME; TELESCOPICALLY, they are as different as “Night” is from “Day”. (Genesis 1:5. Here’s a thought: Light was here, 3 days before the sun was created. Genesis 1:16)

should we.<sup>7</sup>

Points 4 to 6. Can anyone even imagine the daughter of Zion “hitting the street corner,” to *act* like a whore? But that’s exactly what she did!

**“And yet for all this...I will NOT cause mine anger to fall upon you: for *I am MERCIFUL*, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever...Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am MARRIED unto you; and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion....”** Jeremiah 3:10 to 14

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<sup>7</sup> The brethren have taken some great liberties here. They say, because “*the phrase, ‘the great city,’ occurs for the FIRST TIME in the book of Revelation in Rev. 11:8...there is no reason to believe (it) refer(s) to anything else...(but Jerusalem).*” My response? **BALDERDASH!!!** Why would anyone **START** in the **LAST** book of the Bible, to set a precedent, when they could have just as easily gone to the **FIRST**? (Tell me Doc\*-what would describe a **PREcedent** more? The **FIRST**, or the **LAST**?) In **Genesis**, the **REAL** law of **first mention** establishes “...Resen...” as its **first** (mentioned) “...*great city*...” It lays “...between Nineveh and Calah;...in the land of Shinar...” (Genesis 10:10 and 12) Let’s make this even clearer: The **FIRST** *great city*, mentioned in the Bible, was located in **BABYLON!!!** Secondly, in Revelation 11:8, God calls “*the great city*...” (NOT *Babylon*, but) “...**SPIRITUALLY Sodom and Egypt**”. Why? Because Jerusalem is *spiritually* sick, and *acting* like the two heathen cities (PLURAL) mentioned in that verse. Doc, here’s a quick question for you: If Jerusalem (as you insist) is Babylon in verse eight of Revelation eleven, *then what city is “the HOLY city” of verse two in the same chapter? And by the way, if Jerusalem is Babylon, when and where does the REAL city of Babylon get judged for her sins? Just one more question Doc, I promise. Why would God go to such great lengths to PROTECT Israel-the apple of His eye, in Revelation chapter twelve; when He knows He will DESTROY her anyway (as Babylon), in Revelation chapter seventeen and eighteen?*

\* Specifically-“Doc” refers to a Brother in New York, who taught this doctrine in the 1980’s. Generally-it refers to all that hold this position.

As anyone can see, Judah and Israel are guilty of *spiritual* whoredom. POINT NUMBER FOUR: God is *merciful*.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, POINT NUMBER FIVE: God *will* judge Israel for her sins, but He will not *totally ANNIHILATE* her like He will the “...great city Babylon...”! (Revelation 18:21)

Does Israel deserve to be judged for her sins? Absolutely! The *extent* of that judgment will be up to God, who will, during the time of “...*Jacob’s TROUBLE*...” (Jeremiah 30:7), mete it out *perfectly*! Don’t forget, POINT NUMBER SIX: God won’t “...make a full end...” (Jeremiah 5:10 and 18) of her destruction (like He will Babylon).

**“For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations wither I have scattered thee, YET WILL I NOT MAKE A FULL END OF THEE: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.”** Jeremiah 30:11 and 46:28

Points 7 to 9. POINT NUMBER SEVEN: God *will* destroy Israel, BUT “...a *remnant* shall be saved....” (Romans 9:28)

**“Behold the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; SAVING THAT I WILL NOT UTTERLY DESTROY THE HOUSE OF JACOB, saith the Lord.”** Amos 9:8

**“And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, *two parts* therein shall be cut off and die; BUT THE THIRD PART SHALL BE LEFT THEREIN. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call**

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<sup>8</sup> Now don’t get me wrong Doc, but it seems to me, every time the subject of Jehovah’s holy wife comes up, you forgot this attribute of His. If you and “...I obtained mercy...” (I Timothy 1:16-Expression), surely this lovely creature deserves no less!

***on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, IT IS MY PEOPLE: and they shall say, THE LORD IS MY GOD.”*** Zechariah 13:8 and 9

The above verses confirm [POINT NUMBER EIGHT:] the *covenant* that God established with His [POINT NUMBER NINE:] *elect* people.

**“For this is the *COVENANT* that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws in their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people....”** Hebrews 8:10

**“For this is AS the waters of Noah unto me: for *as I have SWORN that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the COVENANT of my peace be removed, saith the Lord THAT HATH MERCY ON THEE.”*** Isaiah 54:9 and 10

**“And so *ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED*: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from JACOB:<sup>9</sup> For this is my *COVENANT* unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: ***BUT AS TOUCHING THE ELECTION, THEY ARE BELOVED FOR THE FATHERS’ SAKES. For the gifts and CALLING of God are without repentance.”*** Romans 11:26 to 29**

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<sup>9</sup> *A note here: Election goes both ways. “...JACOB have I LOVED, but ESAU have I HATED...”!!! (Romans 9:13. See, Malachi 1:2 and 3. One was elected and loved, while the other was NOT elected and hated.) Esau is Edom-Mount Seir. (Genesis 36: 8 and 9) From Esau’s son Eliphaz came Amalek. (Genesis 36:12 and 16) In I Samuel, when God tells King Saul to utterly destroy all the Amalekites, he disobeys His command, by keeping their king alive. That king’s name was Agag, from whose lineage HAMAN the God hated son of Hammedatha the Agagite came.*

**“And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall *CHOOSE* Jerusalem *AGAIN*.”** Zechariah 2:12

**“And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath *CHOSEN* Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?”** Zechariah 3:2

10. Though Israel and Babylon are *both* called whores<sup>10</sup> [At one point, God is so disgusted with Israel, He even turns her over to a more experienced Babylon, to learn “the *trade*” more proficiently from the leading Madam. (Isaiah 47:6-By the way, *both* nations are mentioned here and the next chapter. *How could anyone make them the same?!*)], only

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<sup>10</sup> Doc, the reason you’ve mixed the woman of Revelation 12 [and by the way, this remnant has NOTHING to do with “NEW” Jerusalem-as you suggest throughout your disjunctive comments. New Jerusalem is the *holy city* which “...comes down from God out of *heaven*...” (Revelation 21:2) This city is “*EARTHLY*” Jerusalem. *Replacing* earthly Jerusalem with New Jerusalem has spiritualized these texts, and confused the issue. You’re so “bent” on proving that *earthly* “*Jerusalem does not appear*” in the Book of Revelation, you have made yourself sick! You tell your readers, The Bible is “*a JEWISH book*”, yet, when it comes time to ACKNOWLEDGE the *very PEOPLE and LAND THAT BOOK COMES FROM*, you get a severe case of ANTISEMITISM.] with the woman of Revelation 17, is because the SECOND woman is a *CONTERFEIT!* SHE SURE HAS MIXED YOU UP DOC! That’s why her *dress, colors, ephod [again, you compare Exodus 25:3-7 to Revelation 18-to prove your point. Why not read Ezekiel 28:13 to see mine. The Devil has to counterfeit the whole thing; in order to pass his bride off as the WOMAN of Revelation 12.], altar, blood, gold, silver, the vestments, etc. ...all have to resemble the genuine article.*

If (*as you say*) Israel is no longer *God’s* elect; when the final assessment comes in (*and it will!* - Revelation 3:14-19), and the Church is found to be just as “*...blind, ...naked...*”, and *unrepentant* as she (Israel) was, on what leg will *she* (the Church) be able to stand? Do you really believe that *our* “*...calling and election...*” is MORE “*...SURE...*” (II Peter 1:10) than hers is?!?!? Whatcha teachin’ Doc? Do you mean, God will forgive *one nation*, but *not* the other-a stranger no less-over His own darling *daughter*???

*one* is said to be God's elect, whose "...attire..." (Proverbs 7:10) will be traded in one day for God's perfect righteousness! POINT NUMBER TEN: *FORGIVENESS*.

**“Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.”** Zephaniah 3:14 and 15

**“Lord thou hast been favourable unto *thy land*: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast *FORGIVEN* the iniquity of thy people, *THOU HAST COVERED ALL THEIR SIN*. Selah. *Thou hast taken away ALL thy wrath: thou hast TURNED*<sup>11</sup> *thyself from the fierceness of thine anger. TURN us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.”* Psalms 85:1 to 7**

11. POINT NUMBER ELEVEN: If *earthly* Jerusalem is annihilated, and only “the great city” of *New Jerusalem* is left (Revelation 21:10); The Kingdom of Heaven will be lost forever—*thus eliminating the necessity of the Book of Esther, which pictures that Kingdom*. If the Church replaces Israel, what will happen to the Kingdom, Temple, and Throne from which Christ will rule for a thousand years? Hasn't all this been established *forever*? (I Chronicles 17:12-14) Won't Israel soon be restored, and get the full land grant promised to Abraham? (Genesis 15:18) How will any of this happen, if the people and city of God are annihilated?

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<sup>11</sup> Doc, you boastfully claim the discovery of *three* “turns” (Ezekiel 21:27) that deal with the *destruction* of Israel, have you found any that deal with her *FORGIVENESS*? *Here's three in a row: Jeremiah 3:12 (return), 14, 22!*

In the same sense today that “*Big Bob*” and “*Little Bobby*” CO-EXIST, Jerusalem and *New Jerusalem* will co-exist together in Eternity.<sup>12</sup> God doesn’t *replace* Jerusalem with *New Jerusalem*, *He names the one from Heaven after it!!!* With this truth in hand, we have now uncovered the reason Church Age Saints have been designated, “*Spiritual ISRAEL*” and “*The ISRAEL of God.*” Doesn’t *that* give you a tingling down in your soul?! God loves the *Church*, just like He loves Israel!!!<sup>13</sup>

12. POINT NUMBER TWELVE: Don’t make Israel a patsy for Rome! The whole idea behind the Book of Esther is, God saves *His people the Jews*, and DESTROYS the *REAL* enemy, who’s masquerading as SOME MIGHTY ONE-DEMANDING *worship!!!!* [Shades of the *Pope*-NOT the *Rebbi*! From its “...*head of gold...*” (Daniel 2:38b), to its *miry iron toes*, Rome, NOT Israel, will be in power (see, Daniel’s last kingdom. Daniel 2:44 and 45); when “the stone cut *without hands*” destroys the whole *Babylonian Kingdom*.] *No wonder Mordecai refused to bow. HE WOULD HAVE BOWED TO THE WRONG LEADER [A LEADER, WHO HAPPENED TO WALK AND TALK LIKE THE FUTURE ANTICHRIST], IN THE WRONG KINGDOM! [THE SILVER BREAST AND ARMS OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S IDOL, REPRESENTING THE SECOND SECTION OF THE GREAT BABYLONIAN KINGDOM-MEDIA PERSIA.]*

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<sup>12</sup> Hey Doc, YOU GOT IT *BACKWARDS!* It’s *NOT* a doctrine of REPLACEMENT; it’s a form of ENDEARMENT!

<sup>13</sup> Here’s a good question Doc: When the thousand years are expired, and on earth, Gog and Magog are gathered together to battle around the camp of the saints (Revelation 20:7 to 9); who does the “*beloved city*” refer to? (Remember, *NEW Jerusalem* doesn’t come down from heaven until the *next* chapter.) It’s the city, *whose promise of being delivered* (Psalms 60:5 to 12; 108:6 to 12) *had just been fulfilled.* Its name? The “*great city*” of Revelation chapter eleven: *Jerusalem!*

Even the Heathen know; REDEMPTION comes with a *cost*. (Psalms 135:15; Acts 19:24) Under the Law, this cost could be measured by the "...shekels of *silver*, after the shekel of the sanctuary...." [Leviticus 5:15-When David sinned; "...fifty shekels of *silver*..." (II Samuel 24:24) saved the day!] Under Grace, those same shekels become vain, alongside "...the precious blood of Christ...." (I Peter 1:18 and 19)

If *silver*, in the proper hands, brings redemption, what would it bring in the wrong hands? In a word: *CONDEMNATION!!!*

**"If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I WILL PAY *ten thousand talents of SILVER TO THE HANDS* of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries."** Esther 3:9 [*With "...silver..."*; *Haman sought to destroy the Jews. And with "...silver..."* (Matthew 26:15), *Judas sought to destroy their King!!!*]

So enormous was his hatred towards God's people, *Haman* was willing to reach inside his own *pockets* to finance this project *himself!* [*All this reading has made me hungry. How 'bout you? Why not try a dessert, rooted in Jewish tradition that follows this part of the story?! Enjoy!!!*]

### *Haman Pockets* (*Hamantaschen*)<sup>14</sup>

Make one batch of Sweet Kuchen (recipe below). *AFTER FIRST RISING*, roll out to ¼-in. thickness, cut into 4-in. rounds. Brush with oil, spread poppy seed filling, cheese filling, or fruit preserves on each round. Fold 3 sides to meet over filling, pinch together to make a three cornered cake. Brush top with warm honey. Let rise, and bake at 400F until golden brown.

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<sup>14</sup> Haman's death is remembered on the Feast of Purim with noisemakers and Hamantaschen-also known as "Haman's Ears."

With This Ring  
Sweet Kuchen (Dough)  
Ingredients:

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1 pkg. active, dry yeast	1/4 Cup warm water
1-3/4 Cup lukewarm milk	8 Cup Flour
1 Cup butter, softened	4 eggs
1 tsp. salt	Grated rind of 1/2 lemon

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add the milk and 1 Cup flour. Set aside to rise in a warm place. Meanwhile, cream the butter, add the sugar and eggs, one at a time, stirring well after each addition; then add salt, lemon rind, the rest of the flour and the yeast mixture, alternately. Mix well, and knead until the dough is smooth and elastic. Let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk. Cut the dough to desired shapes; let rise again. Bake at 375F until browned.

Reminder: ‘GREASE’ the cookie sheet a whole lot better than Haman ‘GREASED’ the King’s hand with silver. (Esther 3:11)

*“The Jews observe holidays-do they...hahahaha...? I too... will make a holiday...when I celebrate their destruction! AHahahahahahaha....”*

Again, we are faced with a dilemma. If Ahasuerus is really a type of Jehovah, why did he go along with Haman’s plan? *Wasn’t God with him “...in the judgment...”?* (II Chronicles 19:6b)

**“...Shall not the JUDGE of all the earth *do right*?”** Genesis 18:25b

**“...For there is *no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor TAKING OF GIFTS.*”** II Chronicles 19:7b

I repeat; how was Haman able to convince him to destroy these people?

First of all, Ahasuerus had just “...advanced...” Haman “...above all the princes that were with him...” (Vs. 3:1) In all fairness, should the King have challenged his *first* executive decision? Don’t we give those under us a little leeway; to make their own mistakes? Isn’t the reason we delegate authority, in the first place, so we *don’t* have to do it ALL?

And finally, doesn't the expression, "it's never just a one man's show" hold water? Of course it does!

Secondly, Haman had a "smooth tongue." Like I said earlier, he slandered the Jews, by being vague about them.

*"Hey boss, I got good news. I finally found the leak! You know all that lost revenue we've been lookin' for? I found it! Don't feel bad, but in order to fix the problem, we're gonna hafta make a few cuts...get rid of a few people. Like you said, we gotta get the economy back on track...and...well...certain ones are keeping us back.*

*What's up with these people? They don't even speak our language. No wonder they can't follow orders-YOUR orders!*

*After you hear this one, you're gonna fall off your throne laughin'. These people expect to have every Friday night and Saturday off! Heck, that's most of the weekend! No wonder we're losin' productivity. Now boss, I y'aint tellin' ya what to do, but if I were in your shoes, I'd get rid of 'em...right away. We'd sure save a bundle-if you do!!"*

Last, by willing to finance this project (to the tune of two hundred thousand dollars-these Jews must have been worth *something!*) himself, Haman proved his conviction. He already had the *power*. All that was needed now was the *permission* [from the only person in the kingdom that could stop him. (Vs. 3:10)]

### Keep Your Money

Maybe this King has a little more integrity than some *scholars* would have us to believe.

**"And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee."**

Esther 3:11

As usual, Ahasuerus does the right thing. He *believes* Haman's assessment, *judges* the situation, and then in an act

of true nobility, *makes the payments* himself. [*Believing his promise "...to pay..." (Esther 4:7), Ahasuerus takes Haman at his word, expecting to be reimbursed.*]

Had the King known *what* was going on and *why*; things would have gone very differently. Had he known his right hand man was *really* a glory seeking devil, Haman would have been hung betimes. Had he known this all *started* with Mordecai the Jew, in all probability, he would have exempted him from bowing. And, had this King known his beautiful wife's life (along with thousands of *her* relatives) literally *hung* in the balance, he would have stopped the proceedings *immediately!*

As we close chapter *twelve*, to begin chapter *thirteen*, I'm reminded to say a few more things about numbers. Twelve (the number for Israel) is so important to God, even adding one more number makes the *next* number unlucky.<sup>15</sup> Look at Esther 3:13...

**"And letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to DESTROY, to KILL, and cause to PERISH all Jews...upon the THIRTEENTH day of the twelfth month..."** The *thirteenth* (UNLUCKY) day, of the *twelfth* (DEALING WITH THE JEWS) month, was set for the annihilation of ALL *Jews*.

If you still don't believe the number thirteen is unlucky,<sup>16</sup> the next time you reserve a room at your favorite high rise hotel, watch their expression, when you ask for a room on the *thirteenth* floor.

The *next* chapter: Chapter *Thirteen!*

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<sup>15</sup> *Even though the law of first mention sets this number as rebellion (Genesis 14:4), anyone, or anything connected with it still becomes unlucky. See, Genesis 3:13; 4:13; 6:13; and 13:13!!! Ishmael, the circumcised son of Abraham (Genesis 17:25) didn't have much luck with it either. (Galatians 4:30)*

<sup>16</sup> Most airports, airplanes, and hospital rooms avoid "*that* number" like the plague!

